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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NO. 102

USDEL RIYADH FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR

KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

1. CEASE-FIRE: ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED THAT GOI HAS
ACCEPTED FIVE-POINT PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT IMMEDIATE CEASE-
FIRE PROBLEMS. POINTS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED IN PLAN ARE:
A) POW EXCHANGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, B) CORRIDOR FOR
NON-MILITARY SUPPLY OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY SUPERVISED BY
UNEF AND RUNNING THROUGH ISRAELI LINES, C) REMOVAL EGYPTIAN
BLOCKADE OF BAB-AL-MANDEB STRAIT, D) NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN MILITARY COMMANDERS TO ARRANGE MORE
CONVENIENT CEASE-FIRE LINES AND, E) DIRECT PEACE NEGOTIA-
TIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ONCE FIRST FOUR POINTS
FULFILLED. REPORTS OF PROGRESS ON IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE
PROBLEMS SEEM TO HAVE GREATLY DIMINISHED PREDICTIONS FROM
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BOTH SIDES OF LAST FEW DAYS RE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF
FIGHTING. ON NOVEMBER 8 DEFMIN DAYAN REPORTED TO HAVE
SAID: "THOUGH WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR...IT
MAY BE THAT THERE IS NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A POSSIBILITY

FOR A REAL PEACE BETWEEN (ISRAEL) AND THE ARABS." FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS NO MILITARY PRESS BRIEFING WAS SCHEDULED IN TEL AVIV AND SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT NO ACTION WAS REPORTED ANYWHERE TODAY. AL AHRAM CLAIMED THAT SECRETARY'S TALKS IN CAIRO HAD FOCUSED ON "MAIN ISSUE", I.E., ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. PAPER ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS ALSO COVERED PEACE CONFERENCE WITH DIRECT US AND USSR PARTICIPATION UNDER UNSC AUSPICES.

2. BAHRAIN STATIONING AGREEMENT: BAHRAIN PRIMIN INDICATED HE HOPED US WAS NOT INTENDING TO ACT QUICKLY ON GOB REQUEST FOR US WITHDRAWAL UNDER STATIONING AGREEMENT AND INDICATED GOB NOTICE COULD BE WITHDRAWN IF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME. GOB WOULD, HOWEVER, TAKE ITS LEAD FROM SAUDIS ON THIS.

3. IVORY COAST BREAKS WITH ISRAEL: IVORY COAST HAS ANNOUNCED BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, PRESIDENT HOUPOUET-BOIGNY SAID BREAK WOULD BE LITTLE MORE THAN SYMBOLIC AND SUGGESTED USG REPRESENT ISRAELI INTERESTS IN IVORY COAST. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM ISRAELIS BUT HAVE ADVISED ABIDJAN THAT USG WOULD PROBABLY LOOK FAVORABLY ON ISRAELI REQUEST IF IT WERE RECEIVED.

4. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: SUDANESE FONMIN ARRIVED KUWAIT AND LEBANESE PRIMIN ARRIVED CAIRO NOV. 8. SHAH OF IRAN MAY GO TO DAMASCUS AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TEHRAN. PRIMIN MEIR SCHEDULED TO MEET IN LONDON WITH GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN CHANCELLORS AND SWEDISH, DUTCH AND DANISH PRIMINS ON NOVEMBER 11. BRITISH FCO ANNOUNCED THAT IT NOT YET KNOWN IF ANY LEADERS WOULD MEET PRIMIN HEATH.

5. ARAB OIL: SENIOR FRG OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY THAT "PRO-ARAB" EC MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION AND BLAND ANNOUNCEMENT ON EC OIL DISCUSSION WERE DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE THAT ARABS LOOKED OTHER WAY ON UNPUBLICIZED EUROPEAN EFFORTS
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TO ASSURE OIL SUPPLIES FOR ALL EC STATES. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT ARABS REACTED POSITIVELY. HE STRESSED THAT EC COUNTRIES HAD FELT NEED FOR COMMON POSITION ADDING THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE PERVADED BY GREAT BITTERNESS OVER LACK OF US CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST AND DEMAND FOR "BLANK CHECK" WITH POSSIBLE PREJUDICE TO EUROPEAN INTERESTS. JAPAN, MEANWHILE, UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO TAKE PRO-ARAB DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE TO ENSURE RESTORATION OF FULL SHIPMENTS CRUDE OIL. GOJ, HOWEVER, WILL NOT TAKE ACTION UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY. JAPANESE CONCERNED THAT MAJORS MAY DIVERT NON-ARAB SOURCE OIL FROM JAPAN TO MEET US DOMESTIC NEEDS.

6. UNEF: SOVIET AIRLIFT OF FINNS TO CAIRO RESUMED TODAY WITH DEPARTURE OF 8 SOVIET TURBOPROP TRANSPORTS FROM HELSINKI WITH 64 SOLDIERS AND 78 TONS OF THEIR EQUIPMENT. BY NOVEMBER 9, WHEN THE SOVIET AIRLIFT OF FINNS AND AUSTRIANS IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION, UNEF WILL HAVE REACHED AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH ON THE GROUND OF 1905 OFFICERS AND MEN. (PLEASE NOTE ALSO USUN 4570 AND USUN 4577 FOR ACCOUNT OF DIFFICULTIES UNEF IS HAVING WITH ISRAELIS). MEANWHILE, IN NEW YORK, A FOUR-MAN TEAM, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF THE ARMY, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM GHANA ON NOV. 9 TO DISCUSS WITH UN MODALITIES OF THE GHANAIAAN INSERTION OF FORCES INTO THE MIDDLE EAST (I.E. ONE BATTALION). UN OFFICIALS TELL US INFORMALLY THAT THEY EXPECT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR US AIR-LIFT OF UNEF CONTINGENTS AFTER NOVEMBER 12; FIRST OF THESE LIKELY TO BE PERUVIAN 600 AND PANAMANIAN 392. RUSH

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